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Dedicated to the Holy Spirit

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Spring Into Service: Renewing Our Commitment

Spring has always been a season of renewal. The days grow longer, the earth awakens, and we are reminded that new life is not only possible, it is promised. As Knights of Columbus, this season invites us to reflect on renewal in a broader sense: renewal of faith, renewal of fraternity, and renewal of our commitment to one another.

This April, that spirit of renewal is visible in a very real and lasting way through our involvement in the erection of the new cross. A cross stands as a powerful sign of faith, sacrifice, and hope, a visible reminder of Christ at the center of our parish and our lives. That this project comes during the Easter season makes it especially meaningful, as we celebrate not only the Cross, but the Resurrection that followed.

I want to offer special recognition and sincere thanks to Brother Ed Udell, whose vision, dedication, and persistence have truly made this project happen. From start to finish, Brother Ed has carried this effort forward, and our council is deeply grateful for his leadership and commitment. This cross will stand as a lasting testament not only to our faith, but to what one dedicated Knight can accomplish through perseverance and trust in God.

I also want to take a moment to thank all of the brothers and family members who volunteered their time and talents at our recent fish fries. These events do not succeed without many hands working together, setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning, and welcoming our parish community. Whether you volunteered once or every week, your contribution mattered. The fellowship, goodwill, and parish support generated by the fish fries reflect the very heart of our council, and I am grateful to each and every volunteer who helped make them such a success.

In that same spirit of gratitude, I am especially encouraged, and thankful to see several brothers who have been less active in the past becoming more engaged recently. Your presence has been noticed, your participation is appreciated, and your return strengthens our fraternity. Moments like these remind us that our council is at its best when we stay connected and support one another, no matter the season of life we are in.

As we move into the heart of spring and look toward the remainder of the fraternal year, this is a time to renew our sense of fraternity. The strength of

our council is not measured only by projects completed, but by the bonds we share as brother Knights. To any brother who may still be on the sidelines, please know this: you are missed, you are valued, and you are always welcome.

With that in mind, I want to encourage all brothers, active and inactive, to join us for our Council Social on April 11. This will be an informal, relaxed evening focused entirely on fellowship. No agendas, no pressure, just the opportunity to reconnect, share a conversation, and enjoy time together as brothers. Sometimes renewing our involvement begins simply by showing up.

Spring renewal does not require grand gestures. It begins with presence, gratitude, and unity. As we continue through this Easter season, may we recommit ourselves to strengthening our fraternity, supporting one another, and being visible witnesses of faith within our parish and community.

Thank you for all you do for our council and for one another. May this spring renew our hearts and deepen the bonds that unite us as Knights.

VIVAT JESUS! *Jose Farrell, Grand Knight*

APRIL SCHEDULE

April 2	THURSDAY • Holy Thursday Adoration Hour 11:00pm-12:00am
April 4	SATURDAY • Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am in Parish Center
April 6	MONDAY • Rosary @ 7:10pm, & Council Meeting @ 7:30pm in Columbus Hall.
April 8	WEDNESDAY • 4th Degree Meeting @ 7:00pm at Holy Family
April 11	SATURDAY • Spring Fling Dance @ 6:00pm – 9:00pm in Parish Center
April 13, 20, & 27	MONDAY • Golf Meetings @ 6:30pm in Columbus Hall.
April 26	SUNDAY • Memorial Mass @ 8:30am & Breakfast @ 9:30am in Parish Center
April 27	MONDAY • Officers' Meeting @ 7:00pm in Columbus Hall.

VIVAT JESUS! *Gary Kucera, Deputy Grand Knight*

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Brother Moises Zuniga
- ❖ Brother John Heeran
- ❖ Brother Keith Gaupp
- ❖ Brother Orlando Perez
- ❖ Brother Rod Moore
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's wife & brother-in-law, Clay Common
- ❖ Charter Brother Huey Hammond's widow
- ❖ Brother Edgar Leon's neighbor
- ❖ Brother Mike Cahill's father
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Martin Sanchez's nephew, Christian Munoz
- ❖ All deceased U.S. soldiers of the Iran war
- ❖ Brother Ed Udell's friend, Bob Woolford
- ❖ Brother Gary Kucera's father, mother, & son
- ❖ Brother Manual's sister & family
- ❖ Brother Edgar's sister
- ❖ Fr. Miguel's health for more years of service
- ❖ Deacons Trini and Jim
- ❖ Brother John Esparza
- ❖ Brother Ariel Medrano
- ❖ Brother Eugene
- ❖ Brother Don Todd
- ❖ Brother Mike Gross's daughter, Katherine
- ❖ Brother Steve Goodall
- ❖ Brother Mike Gross's daughter
- ❖ Brother Jim Hoene's daughter, Patti Myer
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's son
- ❖ Brother Gary Beitz's wife, Lynn
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's wife, Martha
- ❖ Brother Jim Mahoney
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson and his wife, Joy
- ❖ For all homeless people
- ❖ For all natural disasters victims
- ❖ For our country, that we may return to civil discourse and unite to support our democracy.
- ❖ For our leaders and politicians that they responsibly govern with wisdom, integrity, respect, and compassion.
- ❖ For vocations and the clergy, religious, and laypersons serving the Church.
- ❖ For Law enforcement • Cobb Precinct #4
- ❖ For the safe return of service personnel deployed throughout the world.

VIVAT JESUS! *Bill Carr, Recorder*

PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Throughout the Old Testament we see much reference to blood. Blood is primarily symbolic of the covenant of the Passover. Sprinkled on the people at other times it is the source of redemption from sin. In other circumstances it is something that can make you unclean. In religious ritual it can be the sign of the sacrifice of an animal for the forgiveness of sins. Many of these things appear in the writings of St Paul who explains and reveals the foretelling of the story of Christ.

We are guilty, as a people, of the shedding of innocent blood just as the Jewish leadership, who should have known better, was guilty of the shedding of the most innocent blood of Jesus. However in our culture we sacrifice the blood of the most innocent: unborn children. We do it for the most casual of reasons: convenience, fear of shame, fear of speaking the truth or fear of the opinion of others.

Can we be faithful Christians if we do nothing?

VIVAT JESUS! Peter Badolato, Pro Life Director

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Current Statistics:

- ✓ **26,214 Lives saved since 2007**
- ✓ **184 Abortion centers closed**
- ✓ **275 Abortion workers had a conversion and QUIT (that we know about)**
- ✓ **94 Abortion-Free Cities**
- ✓ **1,000,000+ volunteers in 1,800 cities.**
- ✓ **Marietta 40 Days for Life / 365 have already saved 5 lives in 2026.**

The Lenten campaign ended on March 29th so the numbers for the campaign will not be available until the May report.

40 Days for Life is an international organization that campaigns against abortion in more than 60 nations worldwide. It was originally started in 2004 by members of the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life in Texas. The name refers to a repeated pattern of events lasting for 40 days in the Bible, such as Noah's Ark, Moses's 40 days on Mount Sinai, and Jesus's 40 days in the desert.

The 40 Days for Life campaign is active in the spring

during the Christian season of Lent and in the fall. Campaigns are organized simultaneously in hundreds of cities in the United States and around the world, although not all campaign locations participate every time. Each campaign consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting in shifts outside of a clinic or hospital that performs abortions or which is an abortion referral center. The campaign also involves outreach to the community to promote awareness about abortion and outreach directly to women considering abortion. Participants are required to sign a "Statement of Peace" stating that they will act lawfully and peacefully while participating in the campaign

History: The organization was founded in Bryan, Texas in 1998 by Shawn Carney, a Catholic student, in reaction to the presence of a Planned Parenthood location. ProLife 365 says that four members of the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life decided to start the prayer campaign 24 hours a day for 40 days with the goal of closing the facility, and credits this campaign for a rejuvenation of local anti-abortion activities in the Bryan-College Station area.

In early 2007, the original 40 Days for Life leaders suggested a simultaneous nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign in as many cities as wished to participate. The first national campaign ran that fall with vigils in 89 cities in 33 U.S. states. A second national campaign was added to run during the spring of each year, starting in Lent of 2008 with campaigns in 59 cities.

The spring 2009 campaign had numerous U.S. and international cities participating, including Brisbane, Australia and cities in Canada, Northern Ireland, and the United States. 40 Days for Life also began campaigning against clinics in Ireland prior to the 2018 constitutional amendment legalizing the procedure; such clinics gave information to women who were thinking of having an abortion in Britain, where abortion is widely legal.

In 2013, the Bryan Planned Parenthood closed. In 2014, the building was bought by 40 Days for Life.

As of the spring 2019 campaign, more than 1,000,000 people have participated in 61 countries across all six populated continents. Lutherans for Life says that approximately 19,000 churches have

participated in the 6,428 local campaigns that have been held since 40 Days for Life began. The US-based Christian Broadcasting Network reports that more than 16,000 confirmed instances where potential patients did not have a planned abortion. Campaigns continue to be held in the spring and fall of each year.

Opposition: An American Civil Liberties Union spokesperson called 40 Days for Life "the most dangerous threat to choice". Abortion rights activists have reacted against 40 Days for Life with protests such as "40 Days of Choice", among others. They have pursued legal avenues such as buffer zones, especially in Canada and Europe, to prevent anti-abortion activists from approaching women or standing near abortion facilities.

VIVAT JESUS! Dave Snyder

CONFIRMATION HONOR GUARD



KNIGHTS' SOCIAL



SHINING ARMOR AWARD

Alejandro Martinez Reves received the Shining Armor Award



NEW CROSS CONSTRUCTION



LECTURER

Brother Knights,

This month we will review the familiar story from the 3rd week of Lent, the Samaritan women at the well. I hope in our review you will be reminded of some items and maybe even discover new insights.

VIVAT JESUS, Brother Keith Gaupp

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Jim Nee

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Jim & Sue Walter



Holy Family's KofC Council 9792 invites you to participate on May 11th in our **29th CARPENTER OPEN** at Indian Hills Country Club. This charity event is our largest annual fundraiser, which provides the greatest benefit to our charities in Marietta and the surrounding areas. The \$200 registration includes green fees, golf cart, continental breakfast, buffet lunch, & cash bar. For additional information, call Bruce Roeder @ (770) 973-0038 Ext.170



SAVE THE DATE!
Spring Fling
 Saturday, April 11th • 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

\$15 Per Person PRE-REGISTERED PRICE
 Register by April 6th!

\$25 Per Person AT THE DOOR PRICE

Great Music • Delicious Mexican Food • Beer & Wine
 Don't Miss Out - Sign Up Early & Save!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Neil Herlihy	6	John Esparza	14
Todd Hughes	6	Raymond Hopkins	16
Alejandro Martinez Reyes	8	Ronald Tran	17
Juan Melendez-Perez	8	Ernest Mac Rae	19
Steven Cavallo	8	Joseph Schneider	20
Patrick Burns	12	Steven Goodall	23
Jeffrey Telford	12	William Polakowski	23
Donald Pyburn	13	Matthew Sawyer	26
Rod Moore	14	Frank Willenbring	28
David Raudabaugh	14	Jim Hoene	30



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"To be involved in the service of Jesus is a sacred trust to which we have been invited." • *St. Vincent de Paul*

Resurrection of the LORD